

Picture Rocks Multimodal Transportation Study

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Introduction

The purpose of this project is to identify the most critical transportation infrastructure needs within the Picture Rocks study area limits and to recommend a program of improvement projects to address those needs. To do this, the project team will take into consideration roadway safety, regional access and mobility, bicycle and pedestrian safety and mobility and rural transit opportunities. The study will also serve as a guide for community and economic development, project funding applications and grants, and project implementation.

Public Meeting

To inform and involve community members of the study, ADOT hosted a public open house at the Picture Rocks Community Center on Tuesday, February 18, 2014 from 5-7 p.m. Staff present at the meeting included Brent Crowther (Kimley-Horn), Paki Rico and Matt Carpenter (ADOT), Pam Mosley, Artemio Hoyos and Sherryl Volpone (Pima County). In addition to the open house, a presentation was given to the Citizens for Picture Rocks Community Association; there was an opportunity for Q&A, comments and recommendations on areas for improvement. In total, 21 members of the community were in attendance.

Newspaper Advertisement

A newspaper advertisement providing the date and location of the public meeting was published in the following newspaper:

- Arizona Daily Star (Northwest Section- February 6 and 13, 2014)

A copy of the advertisement can be found in Appendix A.

Presentation and Meeting Materials

A presentation was given at the open house and a comment form was provided to each attendee of the meeting.

A copy of the comment form can be found in Appendix B of this report.

Comment Form Summary

The following comments were received and returned via the comment form that was provided at the public meeting. All comments received are included in this summary.

What are the highest priority transportation needs within the Picture Rocks area? Please consider:

Roadways

- More lighting and bike paths along roadways to make them safer.
- Shoulder improvements on Sandario.
- A dust abatement and maintenance need to be addressed.

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- Maintenance on all roads don't wait to do it very ten years.
- Better shoulders along Sandario make some attempt to organize residents to improve the roads or should I save pathways throughout the community.
- Manville Rd west of Avra is in very bad shape. It is dangerous please consider repaving!
- Seasonal road closures during rainy season need to be addressed.
- Manville- Avra Rd to Anway Rd this is a location that is constantly closed due to flooding with almost no way round. A simple bridge or bypass at each of the low level areas would resolve this permanently.
- Paving the whole road not patching. Patching is a waste of money and comes undone very quickly.
- Increase speed limit to 40 on Sandario from Manville to curve before community center.
- Anway Rd. from Manville to Anra Valley Rd. needs a bridge over the wash and repainting.
- Manville Rd from Cap Canal to end needs to be rebuilt with bridges over all washes.
- Trucker roads need rebuilding
- All named roads are a total disgrace for roads.
- Lighting on Sandario and Picture Rocks, Sandario and Rudasill and Sandario and Attorney.
- Shoulders done with used asphalt on major county roads
- Just maintain upkeep on county dirt roads.
- Sandario Road and Picture Rocks Road, heavy recreational bicycle usage year-round and neither roadway have adequate paved shoulders forcing bicyclists to use driving lanes. Very dangerous minimum 2 to 4 feet pavements shoulder needed.
- Sandario Rd. and Picture Rd. both roadways lack adequate cross drainage structures to provide year round all weather travel.
- Road maintenance of main roadways
- Major unmaintained roadways should be maintained if they are connecting to the major highways used.
- No I-11 through the Avra Valley double deck six miles of I-11 instead
- Maintenance of dirt roads/utility easements

Intersections

- Left-hand turn lanes need correcting at the following intersections Manville and Sandario, Rudasill and Sandario, Tula and Picture Rock Road, and Van Ark and Picture Rocks Road.
- Real street lights at Sandario and Picture Rocks. Timed at Tula and Picture Rocks Rd.
- Rudasill and Sandario are dangerous!
- Major intersections in the area need to have lighting including, Anra Valley, Sunset, Anway, Manville, and Sandario roads.
- Picture Rocks Rd. and Tula Lane intersection probably most unsafe intersection: a deadly accident just waiting to happen very poor horizontal and vertical geometrics on Picture Rocks

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Road at this location. Little to no sight-distance west of Tula due to poor geometrics. Night time illumination of intersections could help.

- Sandario Rd. and Rudasill Rd. night time illumination needed.
- Rudasill and Sandario roads place more warning of intersection to westbound Rudasill prior to Sandario stop sign.
- Bus route connecting to other routes in Cortaro/Ina/I-10 area.
- Picture Rocks and Sandario
- Mayu and Sandario
- Rudasill and Sandario
- Tula and Picture Rocks Rd. is very dangerous! Fix it please.
- Light at Rudasill and Sandario traffic from two schools goes there.

Pedestrian (Sidewalks, Pathways, Trails)

- Crosswalk at Sandario and Picture Rocks roads.
- Four way stop sign at intersection of Sandario and Rudasill roads.
- A walking trail along Picture Rocks Road from Sandario to Tula.
- If going to have non-motorized trails need to educate public about the laws.
- Pedestrian and bicycle routes in Picture Rocks
- Where businesses are sidewalks on Sandario and Pathways.
- Where ever possible on county maintained dirt roads and paved roads bike paths should be installed where as safe as possible.
- Rudasill Rd. (Sandario Rd. to Tula Lane) again, heavy recreational pedestrian activity with no roadway shoulders. Pedestrians walking in traffic lanes.
- Some type of parking accessibility needs to be provided at intersection of Sandario Rd. and Rudasill Rd. to accommodate the Saguaro National Monument Trailhead at southeast corner of the intersection. Heavy usage by both hikes (especially large groups in multiple vehicles) and horse riders (often 4 or more vehicles with horse trailers).
- Sandario Rd. bicycle and pedestrian pathway to connect MHS., stores and PRCC
- Sidewalks are needed along Sandario four way cross walk at Sandario and Picture Rocks. There needs to be a safe pedestrian route from high school to community center.

Bicycle (Bike Lanes, Shoulders, Paths, Trails)

- We need bike lanes especially on Sandario
- Bike paths on Sandario and Picture Rocks roads
- Sandario and Twin Peaks needs a bike trail.
- Paths separate from Picture Rocks Rd. and Sandario Rd.
- Get rid of bikes on Picture Rocks Road they are a Hazard and there are no bike paths for safety, and the bikers themselves are very irresponsible in riding.

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- Picture Rocks Rd is a dangerous road for any bicycle rider. Make the road safe for bikes and cars or keep bikes off the roadway until there is a safe route.
- Bicycle lanes- charge a 10 dollar annual bike permit.
- Have the sheriff stop and give tickets to bikers not riding single lane.
- Teach people courtesy for bikes and cars.
- Have less used roads be bike lanes and routes
- Bike lane should go along Sandario to Twin Peaks to discourage using Picture Rocks as a bike route. Picture Rocks through Saguaro Park is not a safe bike route and bicyclists should be discouraged from using it.
- Paved bike paths

Transit Service

- Regular bus services with multiple stops
- Need one for everyone to use.
- Picture Rocks to connecting services at Cortaro and Ina.
- Public transportation is needed so students can get to college. Workers can get to work and people looking for work can get into town to find jobs.
- Bus- high school, church and community. Service Anway and Manville, Anway and Avera Valley to Cortaro and Marana Health Center.
- Have existing route 411 be extended to AZ Pavilions rea to connect with other Suntran Route.
- Needed but citizen usage commitments are needed first.
- Transit service that connects to express routes and consider aging population too will be increasing significantly in the next ten years.
- Regular bus service connecting Picture Rocks Road with Arizona Pavilions, with connections to New Mexico medical center and Tucson downtown.

Do you have any other issues or topics relating to the study you would like to discuss?

- Lower speed limit on Sandario between Picture Rocks and Aura Valley roads.
- Lower the speed limits!
- The speed limit is too high on Rudasill Road.
- Make Sandario safer from Manville north to Twin Peaks.
- Federal, state, county and local governments need to all work together for a long range transportation plan.
- Many animals die on Picture Rocks Road and National Park.
- I suggest you only allow residential and charge park visitors a toll.
- This area (Picture Rocks) needs a detailed boundary, roadway, easement, topography street address and maps.

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- Study area needs to include Picture Rocks Road within Saguaro National Monument to be effective for issues regarding roadways, pedestrians, bicycles. Especially true for roadway shoulders, all weather cross drainage and bicycles.
- The study area boundaries make absolutely no sense for either Picture Rocks Rd or Sandario Rd. if you don't include those stretches of roadway within Saguaro National Monument. Don't understand how anyone could propose studying improvements to these two major travel conduits if nothing done within Saguaro National Monument. Sounds like ADOT of old!!!
- County unmaintained roads are used by county vehicles this needs o be changed.
- About 1/3 of the CYPR meeting would use about at least once a week. Assuming this is a cross-section that would be about 3000 rides per week, over 15,000 annual 2-way 30,000 one way trips.
- How do residents go about brining abandoned county roads back up to standard that have not been maintained by the county?

Appendix A

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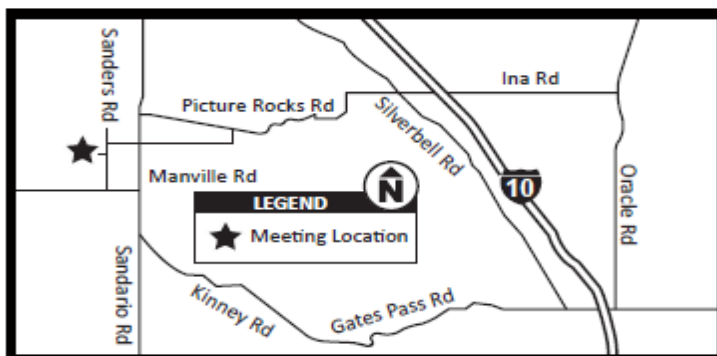
Public Open House

Pima County, in collaboration with the Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT) Planning Assistance for Rural Areas Program, is conducting a study to identify the most critical transportation needs of the Picture Rocks community. The study will recommend a program of improvement projects to address those needs and to serve as a guide for community and economic development. Study recommendations will address multiple modes of transportation including roadways, bicyclists, pedestrians and transit service.

We want your input on the current conditions and future transportation needs within the Picture Rocks area

Join us on **Tuesday, Feb.18, 2014, from 5 to 7 p.m.** at a public open house to learn more about the study and share your ideas on Picture Rocks' transportation needs. A presentation to the Citizens for Picture Rocks Community Association will be made following the open house at 7 p.m.

Picture Rocks Community Center
5615 N Sanders Road, Tucson, AZ 85743



If you require special assistance in order to participate in the public meeting, please contact projects@azdot.gov or 855.712.8530. Requests should be made as soon as possible to allow time to arrange the accommodation.

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FOR MORE INFORMATION:
855.712.8530
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Appendix B



Picture Rocks Multimodal Transportation Study Comment Form

What are the highest priority transportation needs within the Picture Rocks area? Please consider:

Roadways:

Intersections:

Pedestrian (Sidewalks, Pathways, Trails)



Bicycle (Bike Lanes, Shoulders, Paths, Trails)

Transit Service

Do you have any other issues or topics relating to the study you would like to discuss?

Thank you for filling out this comment Form. Your responses are important to help guide future transportation improvements. Please return this comment form to a project team representative, email your comments to: projects@azdot.gov, or mail to:

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